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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.